

Listing of Claims:

We claim:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting at least one digital media content from at least one media content source, comprising:

selecting a mutual spatial arrangement of ~~[[the]]~~ RFID tags, wherein the mutual spatial arrangement represents the spatial proximity between the RFID tags;

receiving data representing a plurality of content identifiers obtained from a plurality of different RFID tags;

detecting said mutual spatial arrangement; and

providing different digital media content in accordance with said arrangement.

2. (Currently Amended) A method, ~~for obtaining at least one of digital media content and content from at least one content source~~ comprising:

receiving first RFID tag information from a first RFID tag enabled object;

receiving at least second RFID tag information from at least a second RFID tag enabled object; ~~[[and]]~~

using the first and second RFID tag information from both the first and second RFID tag enabled objects to determine whether a proper combination of RFID enabled objects are present; and

providing access to particular media or content based on whether the first and second RFID tags are in a desired mutual spatial arrangement, wherein the desired mutual spatial arrangement represents the spatial proximity between the RFID tags.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein using the first and second RFID tag information from both the first and second RFID tag enabled objects includes comparing the at least first and second RFID tag information with an expected combination of desired RFID tag information and facilitating access to specific content when the combination of the at least first and second RFID tag information matches the expected combination of desired RFID tag information.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2 including determining whether the first and second RFID tag information from both the first and second RFID tag enabled objects have been received within an acceptable time period with respect to one another.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2 including receiving RFID reader identification information associated with each of the first and second first and second RFID tag enabled objects and determining whether the first and second RFID tag information were read by at least one appropriate RFID tag reader, and facilitating access to specific content when the combination of the at least first and second RFID tag information are deemed to have been read by at least one appropriate RFID tag reader.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 including providing access to particular media or content based on whether~~[[:]]~~ the first and second RFID tag information from both the first and second RFID tag enabled objects are received in a particular order, ~~or the first and second RFID tag information are in a desired mutual spatial arrangement.~~

7. (Original) The method of claim 2 including storing data representing combination RFID tag content identification information that identifies at least one of downloadable digital content and media corresponding to an expected combination of RFID enabled objects.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the stored data representing combination RFID tag content identification information identifies downloadable content or media that is different from stored content identification information associated with each of the RFID tags information individually.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting digital media content from at least one media content source comprising:

receiving data representing a plurality of content identifiers obtained from a plurality of different RFID tags associated with a plurality of RFID enabled media objects; [[and]]

detecting a mutual spatial arrangement between the plurality of different RFID tags, wherein the mutual spatial arrangement represents the spatial proximity between the RFID tags;
and

providing different combinations of media for downloading depending on the combination of different received content identifiers and the mutual spatial arrangement.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 including providing access to particular media content based on whether the plurality of different RFID tags and are presented to at least one RFID tag reader in a particular order.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9 including providing access to particular media content based on whether the plurality of content identifiers are received in a particular order.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9 including storing data representing combination content identifiers that identifies at least one of downloadable digital content and media corresponding to an expected combination of RFID enabled objects.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the stored data representing combination content identifiers identifies downloadable content or media that is different from stored content identification information associated with each of the content identifiers individually.

14–17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A network element comprising:

a communication interface operative to receive, via a communication link, first RFID tag information from a first RFID tag enabled object, [[and]] at least second RFID tag information from at least a second RFID tag enabled object, and mutual spatial arrangement information, wherein the mutual spatial arrangement information represents the spatial proximity between the RFID tag enabled objects; and

a controller, operatively coupled to the communication interface, and operative to use the first and second RFID tag information from both the first and second RFID tag enabled objects

to determine whether a proper combination of RFID enabled objects have been presented to an RFID reading device.

19. (Original) The network element of claim 18 wherein the controller is operative to compare the at least first and second RFID tag information with an expected combination of desired RFID tag information and outputs specific content identification information for communication by the communication interface when the combination of the at least first and second RFID tag information matches the expected combination of desired RFID tag information.

20. (Original) The network element of claim 18 wherein the controller includes timing logic operative to determine whether the first and second RFID tag information from both the first and second RFID tag enabled objects have been received within an acceptable time period with respect to one another.

21. (Original) The network element of claim 18 wherein the controller receives RFID reader identification information associated with each of the first and second first and second RFID tag enabled objects and determines whether the first and second RFID tag information were read by at least one appropriate RFID tag reader, and facilitating access to specific content when the combination of the at least first and second RFID tag information are deemed to have been read by at least one appropriate RFID tag reader.

22. (Currently Amended) The network element of claim 18 wherein the controller provides digital rights management and wherein the controller ~~provide~~ provides combination RFID tag content identification information for a content playing unit so that the content playing unit can access to particular media or content based on whether the first and second RFID tag information from both the first and second RFID tag enabled objects are received in a particular order.

23. (Original) The network element of claim 18 including memory that stores data representing combination RFID tag content identification information that identifies at least one of downloadable digital content and media corresponding to an expected combination of RFID enabled objects.

24. (Currently Amended) The network element of claim 23 wherein the stored data representing combination RFID tag content identification information identifies downloadable content or media that is different from stored content identification information associated with each of the RFID tags information individually.